

APR 03 2003

DINSMORE  
& SHOHL LLP

## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

April 2, 2003

from CLAYTON L. KUBNELL 3600

Direct: 513-977-8377 / Fax: 513-977-8141 / clayton.kubnell@dinslaw.com

Official

10 50

#7/Elect  
4/3/03

To: Attn: Examiner James M. Hewitt  
Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Group Art Unit: 3679

Firm: U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Fax Number: (703) 872-9326

Client Number: 21456-13

Pages: 4  
(including cover)

Comments: CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED VIA FACSIMILE

If there are any problems in receiving this transmission, please call the fax room at (513) 977-8483 immediately. Thank you.

## Notice

*This message is intended only for the use of the individuals or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential, and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this notice is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this notice in error, please notify us immediately by telephone and return these papers to us at the address below via first class mail.*

Cincinnati • 1900 Chemed Center • 255 East Fifth Street • Cincinnati, OH 45202 • Phone: (513) 977-8200

FAX RECEIVED

PATENT  
APR 03 2003

GROUP 3600

Official

Docket No: 21456-13

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted via facsimile to: Examiner: James W. Hewitt; Group Art Unit 3679; Box Non-Fee Amendment; Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 at facsimile number 703-872-9326 on April 2, 2003.

Lynne W. Moore  
Lynne W. Moore

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KORNAU, Joshua R., et al. : Paper No:  
 Serial No.: 10/027,097 : Group Art Unit: 3679  
 Filed: December 20, 2001 : Examiner: James M. Hewitt  
 For: **SELF-ALIGNING COUPLING ASSEMBLY**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUS PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	32	32	0	x \$18 =	\$0
Independent Claims	3	3	0	x \$84 =	\$0
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1133, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Clayton L. Kuhnell

Clayton L. Kuhnell  
 Registration No. 48,691  
 Attorney for Applicants  
 DINSMORE & SHOHL, LLP  
 1900 Chemed Center  
 255 East Fifth Street  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
 (513) 977-8377

Date: April 2, 2003  
 889368  
 21456-13

Docket No: 21456-13

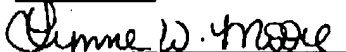
PATENT

Docket:

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted via facsimile to: Examiner: James W. Hewitt; Group Art Unit 3679; Box Non-Fee Amendment; Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 at facsimile number 703-872-9326 on

April 2, 2003.

  
Lynne W. Moore

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: KORNAU, Joshua R., et al.

Paper No.:

Serial No.: 10/027,097

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: December 20, 2001

Examiner: James M. Hewitt

For: SELF-ALIGNING COUPLING ASSEMBLY

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated March 3, 2003, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following species:

- a. Species I: FIG. 2;
- b. Species II: FIG. 3; and
- c. Species III: FIGS. 4-7.

Applicants hereby elect Species I comprising FIG. 2. It is believed that at least claims 1-10, 13-14, 19-20, 24-25 and 30-31 read on Species I. The Election is made with traverse on the basis of the Applicants' belief that it would not be unreasonably burdensome for the Examiner to consider all of the claims as originally filed.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the election requirement,  
and further examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

By Clayton L. Kuhnell  
Clayton L. Kuhnell  
Registration No. 48,691  
DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP  
1900 Chemed Center  
255 East Fifth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 977-8377

889121  
21456-13